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this work. Yet it was in no narrow spirit of home missions as against foreign, but they took in the whole world in their sympathies, their prayers, their gifts. These pioneer ministers, by their personal contributions, were examples to their people of the same liberality which Paul recognized in the Macedonian Christians "whose deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality."

I cannot close without, in a word, paying some tribute to the devoted and sainted wives of these pioneer ministers. Upon them rested the heaviest burdens of the inconveniencies and self-denials of this pioneer work. Many of them taken from homes of culture, refinement and wealth, had to endure the privations of meagre fare, of life and labor in log-cabins, in rude and uncultured communities, often ending in an early death. Yet, with rare exceptions, they bore these with a cheerfulness and Christian heroism beyond all praise.

They encouraged and sustained their husbands in all their labors and contributed much by their fidelity and wise counsels to their success.

The record of their devoted and useful lives, though not written by human hands, is written in God's book of remembrance, and I am not sure that when these books are opened, it will not appear that their share in the work done has been the larger and most blessed.

REV. G. S. F. SAVAGE.

CIRCULAR APPEALING FOR AID FOR COLONIZING FREE NEGROES IN LIBERIA.

OFFICE OF THE MISSOURI COLONIZATION SOCIETY,
ST. LOUIS, Oct. 28, 1845.

DEAR SIRS—

In asking your aid to advance the interests of the Colonization Society, I propose, in few words, to explain its present position, and plan of future operations.

The Colony is governed entirely by officers of the African race and citizens of Liberia. The expenses of its Government are paid from its own revenue, with the exception of the salary of the Governor, who is appointed and paid by the Society, and transacts its business in reference to the reception and settlement of new emigrants, &c.

The literary and religious institutions of the Colony are in a prosperous condition.

The influence of the Colony over the native tribes is good, and increasing in power and extent; and it is believed, that if the Colony were now left by the Society to its own resources, it would gradually grow into an extensive and powerful commonwealth.

The great object of the Society now is, to develop the resources of the Colony by fostering its institutions, enlarging its capacity for the comfortable reception of emigrants, and encouraging the emigration thither of persons of suitable character to promote its prosperity, as well as to advance their own happiness.

It is believed, that this last object would be greatly promoted by the purchase of a ship to run as a regular packet between New Orleans and Liberia, leaving New Orleans twice a year, on *fixed days*—say, 1st Jan. and 1st July.

It is proposed to raise the necessary funds (say \$10,000) in the West and South-west.

I secured \$1,000 of this sum during my recent visit to Kentucky, and principally at two efforts,—\$500 and upwards having been subscribed by the members of the Synod of Kentucky, (most of it during their late session at Harrodsburg,) and upwards of \$500 more was subscribed by a few friends of the cause in Henderson, where I stopped a few days on my return from Louisville to St. Louis. For this last subscription I am indebted principally to the co-operation of Rev. D. L. Gray, of Henderson.

I may here state, that Rev. A. M. Cowan, Agent of the American Colonization Society for Kentucky, has raised, within the last year, in that State, about \$5,000 for the purchase of territory in Liberia for the settlement of Kentucky emigrants; and that a company of emigrants are expected to leave Louisville on the 15th of December, via New Orleans, to take possession of said territory.

It is also hoped that the Legislature of that State will make an appropriation of money to encourage the emigration of free people of color from Kentucky in America to "*Kentucky in Africa.*"

I am now making an attempt to raise \$1,000 in each of the States of Missouri and Illinois, to be paid by 1st Jan., 1846, and appropriated towards the purchase of the Liberian packet. It is proposed, that a simultaneous effort be made throughout these two States to accomplish this object at once. Two plans are proposed: 1st, Collections by the clergy; 2d, The formation of auxiliary societies in every county in each State, and the collection of funds through that medium. If each minister of the gospel to whom the African Repository is sent gratuitously in those two State would collect \$3.00 for this object, it would amount to more than \$2,000; and if the friends of colonization in each county were to form an auxiliary and collect \$11, it would also amount to more than \$2,000.

Let a simultaneous effort be made by the ministers on the *1st Sunday in December*, and by the friends of the cause in each county to form auxiliary societies on the *2d Saturday in December*, and forward the money, and the names and post-office address of the officers of the same, by mail, as soon as they are organized.

I subjoin the form of the constitution for an auxiliary society.

Respectfully, yours,

ROBERT S. FINLEY,

Agent of the Missouri and Illinois Colonization Societies.